

REMARKS**Summary of the Office Action**

Claims 1, 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,159,039 to Kasuga et al. (“Kasuga”).

Claims 2 and 5-7 are objected to as being depended upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 8-10 are allowed.

All Claims Define Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2 and 5-7 are objected to as being depended upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to include all of the limitations of dependent claim 2. Claim 2 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Claims 5-7 depend from claim 1, and recite the same combination of allowable features recited in claim 1, as well as additional features that define over the prior art. Thus, claims 5-7 are also in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the objection to claims 2 and 5-7 is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kasuga. In as much as claim 1 has been amended to include all the limitations of allowable claim 2, and

claims 3 and 4 depend from claim 1, Applicants request that the rejection be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, and a notice of such is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite the prosecution.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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